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WE MUST WIN THE PEACE

Why devote this issue of The Christian Statesman to winning the peace when we have not yet won the war? Certainly not because we are not for winning the war. There can be no justice, liberty, or peace in the world until the Axis Powers are completely subdued. Here are our reasons:

1. Winning the peace is essential to winning the war. In the long run, having won in the physical combat we will still lose the war if we lose that for which we are fighting. We won the last war and then lost it in the peace. We paid for what we did not get. Furthermore, to keep up a morale that is needed to win the war, both our fighting forces and our civilian population need to know that we are fighting for something worthwhile—a better world—and that there is good hope of achieving it.

2. Winning the war is chiefly the task of the armed forces. We can rely on them to do their job. Winning the peace is chiefly our task, the task of those not engaged in the physical combat, chiefly the task of Christian civilians.

3. Winning the peace is a tremendous job, bigger and more difficult than winning the war—a job that requires more preparation and effort than is required to win the war. It cannot be put off until the war ends. It must be undertaken now.

Our Task in Winning the Peace

What must we do to win the peace? It is not for us to furnish a blueprint of the New World Order. No one can do this now, nor is this needed. What is needed now is agreement on the principles on which the New World Order is to be based. It is our firm belief that to win the peace, the New World Order must rest upon the Prince of Peace as its foundation.

Viewed from this standpoint our task is two-fold:

A. To Build a Public Sentiment for a New World Order Based on Christian Justice and Brotherhood

This involves the building of a public sentiment:

1. For the acceptance of what is involved in applying these Christian principles to the economic, political, and racial problems which must be faced in setting up the New World Order.
2. For an international or world government to take the place of the present international anarchy and to give effect to these principles in the international realm.
3. For American participation in setting up the New World Order and for membership in the international government.

B. Bringing this Public Sentiment to Bear on Washington

1. Upon those who represent the United States in setting up the peace.
2. Upon the Senate of the United States. Under American law treaties of peace with other nations require ratification by the United States Senate before they become effective. For this ratification a two-thirds vote is required. A minority of one-third of the Senate prevented the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations. A minority of one-third can defeat any peace agreement our representatives make with other nations.

Millions of our sons and brothers are out on the far flung battlefields ready to sacrifice their all to win this global war. What are we doing to win the peace? Let us resolve that so far as lies within our power the sacrifices they are making shall not be in vain.

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The Present World Catastrophe---God's Judgment Plus

"A Righteous Faith for a Just and Durable Peace" is the title of a 100 page pamphlet containing fourteen articles by prominent leaders on the peace to follow the conclusion of the present war. The author of one of these articles is Dr. Luther A. Weigle, Dean of the Yale Divinity School, and for the past two years President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

We take the privilege of quoting from this excellent article.

The War—God's Judgment

"The present world-catastrophe affords no reason for supposing that God does not exist or that He is unconcerned with human affairs. It is evidence, on the contrary, that God does exist, and that He lives and rules in history. It is evidence that we cannot with impunity disregard the laws of the moral universe. 'What doth the Lord require of thee,' said Micah, 'but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?' Well —that is just what we have not done. The modern world of men and nations has not done justly or loved mercy or walked humbly before God. And now we must pay for it."

The War—God's Call

"The present crisis is more than a judgment of God upon our wrongdoing; it may be for us all God's leading toward the right. The old order of imperialistic exploitations, of racial strife, of national isolations, and of international anarchy, is doomed; and with it must go the old order of class conflict, industrial exploitation, and economic injustice. If we have the mind and heart and will for it, this twentieth century will witness a new birth of freedom, a tremendous widening of the emancipation of mankind from fear and hate and wrong."

The Supreme Issue

"The supreme issue is whether men and nations will yield to God that obedience without which there is no fully effective, lasting freedom."

The Freedom for which We are Waging the War

Concerning the freedom for which we are waging this global war to defeat the Axis Powers, Dr. Weigle declares it is a Christian product, that its source is faith in God:

"Faith in God underlies and is distinctly avowed in the Declaration of Independence . . . The action of the thirteen colonies in declaring their independence was an affirmation of principles grounded in the Christian faith. Our ideals of human freedom spring from faith in God—the God whose word was proclaimed by the Hebrew prophets and who revealed himself in Jesus Christ."

As to what this freedom, "effective lasting freedom," is, Dr. Weigle says:

"Real freedom is positive. It is not mere freedom *from* something—from interference or restraint or fear. It is freedom *for* something—freedom to be and to do what in our best moments we know we ought to be and to do. Such freedom is not wilful; it is subject to reason and conscience. It is gained only in obedience to the truth that lies beyond our power to distort and pervert—truth of faith revealed in Jesus Christ."

Christ's Guidance in Relation to a Just and Durable Peace

Dr. Weigle says Jesus has not given any blueprint for setting up the New World Order—but that He has given the two basic principles for social rebuilding, and that we must use our intelligence guided by the Spirit, in implementing these principles in the setting up of the peace.

"Jesus did not present a code of laws for conduct, either for his time or for ours. He sought to bring men into right relation with God, and he enunciated certain principles of conduct consequent upon that relation. Of commandments, in the proper sense of the term, he affirmed only two: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God,' and 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' The rest of his ethical teaching follows by way of application or counsel from these. Jesus neither gave to his contemporaries, nor left for future generations, anything resembling a blueprint for social rebuilding, or a road map for the conduct of life, or a time schedule for human history. Just what are the particular decisions and paths of action to be taken in the successive generations by those who seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness, is left to their mind and conscience to learn through experience in the light of his spirit."

Christian Motivation Essential to Peace

But intelligence is not enough. Back of it there must be a dynamic, sufficiently powerful to make it effective. "We see now with shocking clarity that men may accurately know the facts and foresee the consequences, but yet choose what is evil." Dr. Weigle finds this dynamic in Christian love concerning which he says:

"It is not a matter of the emotions or of spontaneous personal affections. It lies within the realm of will and choice. Christian love is respect for personality; it is active, outreaching, patient, persistent good-will. It extends not only to the lovable and worthy, but to all, even to the weak and sinful.

"As an ethical principle, Christian love is robust, sane, just and courageous. It does not stand alone. It is undergirded and sustained by Christian faith—faith in the sovereignty and the fatherhood of God, in His justice and His love, and in His revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ.

"That Christian motives should apply to the mutual relations of nations, of peoples, and of races, as well as to the relations of individuals, is essential to that permanent victory for human freedom, that just and durable peace, to which we are committed. The alternative is that utter denial of Christian faith which is totalitarianism and slavery."

FOR A FEDERATION OF THE WORLD

That there is a substantial public sentiment in America which is not only insisting upon the setting up of an international government of some sort but is calling for a federation of the peoples and nations of the world is evidenced by many recent occurrences among which we cite the following.

As far back as March 13, 1941 before the United States entered the war a joint resolution passed the General Assembly of North Carolina declaring, "that all peoples of the earth should now be united in a commonwealth of nations to be known as The Federation of the World," and requesting the senators and members of the House of Representatives in Congress from the State of North Carolina to introduce and secure the passage of a resolution in the Congress of the United States "committing the United States to the acceptance of the plan of the Federation of the World and requesting the President of the United States to call an International Convention to formulate a Constitution for the Federation of the World, which shall be

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AMERICAN STATESMEN ON A CHRISTIAN WORLD ORDER

We are sure that if the New World Order to be set up when the Axis Powers have been conquered is to bring real and durable peace it must be established upon an essentially Christian basis. To those who say this is impossible, we recommend as one of the encouraging signs among many that it is possible, that consideration be given the declarations of leading American political leaders concerning the New World Order. Some of them state specifically and with emphasis that it must be a Christian order and others who do not so state specifically, declare that it must embody provisions which are the implementation of Christian principles in meeting the economic, political and racial problems that will have to be faced in setting up the new order. This is not only true in our country but in other countries of the United Nations.

We quote from recent utterances of some of America's most influential political leaders, which appear to indicate that if the United States is to stand for a Christian World Order, our greatest task lies not in convincing these leaders of the necessity for such an order, but in building up a strong public sentiment to support them in their stand.

Honorable Cordell Hull on the Peace

Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a broadcast from Washington on July 23, 1942 said:

"Beyond these (the tasks of relieving the needs of suffering millions and the problems of transition from war to peace) there will lie before all countries the great constructive task of building human freedom and Christian morality on firmer and broader foundations than ever before. This task, too, will of necessity call for national and international action.

"The United Nations should from time to time formulate and proclaim their common views regarding fundamental policies which will chart for mankind a wise course based on enduring spiritual influence. In support of such policies, an informed public opinion must be developed. This is a task of intensive study, hard thinking, broad vision and leadership—not for governments alone but for parents and teachers, and clergymen, and all those within each nation who provide a spiritual, moral and intellectual guidance. Never did so great and so compelling a duty in this respect devolve upon those who are in positions of responsibility, public and private.

Honorable Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, and the Peace

In an address on Memorial Day, May 30, 1942 delivered at Arlington, Virginia, Mr. Welles said:

"And after we win the victory—and we will—what then? Will the people of the United States then make certain that those who have died that we may live as free men and women will not have died in vain? . . . I believe they will demand that the United Nations become the nucleus of a world organization of the future to determine the final terms of a just, an honest, and durable peace to be entered into after the passing of the period of social and economic chaos which will come inevitably upon the termination of the present war . . . If this war is in fact a war for the liberation of peoples, it must assure the soverign equality of peoples throughout the world as well as in the world of the Americas. Our victory must bring in its train the liberation of all peoples. Discrimination between peoples because of their race, creed, or color must be abolished. The age of imperialism is ended. The right of a people to their freedom must be recognized as the civilized world long since recognized the right of an individual to his personal freedom. The principles of the Atlantic Charter must be guaranteed to the world as a whole—in all oceans and in all continents."

Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Vice President, and the Peace

In an address at the Fordham University Celebration, Vice President Wallace said:

"The world must not fail after this war to build a just and lasting peace based on the Lord's New Order, not on Hitler's."

In an address in New York City before a gathering at which an award was bestowed upon President Roosevelt for his contribution to world friendship, Mr. Wallace, speaking for the President, said:

"And if America is a chosen land, it is not for her sake that she is chosen of the Lord at a certain stage in the world's history, but for the sake of all the world."

In an address before the Free World Association in New York City on May 8, 1942, Mr. Wallace said:

"The century on which we are entering—the century which will come out of this war—can be and must be the century of the common man. Perhaps it will be America's opportunity to suggest the freedoms and duties by which the common man must live."

"No nation will have the God-given right to exploit other nations. Older nations will have the privilege to help younger nations get started on the path to industrialization, but there must be neither military nor economic imperialism. The methods of the nineteenth century will not work in the people's century which is now about to begin.

"Yes, and when the time of peace comes, the citizen will again have a duty, the supreme duty of sacrificing the lesser interests for the greater interest of the general welfare. Those who write the peace must think of the whole world. There can be no privileged peoples. We ourselves in the United States are no more a master race than the Nazis. And we cannot perpetuate economic warfare without planting the seeds of military warfare. We must use our power at the peace table to build an economic peace that is just, charitable, and enduring."

Honorable F. D. Roosevelt, President, and the Peace

The messages of Vice President Wallace from which we have quoted above, were approved by President Roosevelt. We can therefore regard the above quotations from Vice President Wallace as expressing the President's view on the peace. The President is also quoted as having said directly:

"In victory, we shall seek not vengeance but the establishment of an international order in which the spirit of Christ shall rule in the hearts of men and nations."

DR. CUTTEN'S SPEECH

The National Reform Association has secured 35,000 copies of Dr. Cutten's hard-hitting "We are at War" address and sent them all out except 5,000 copies which will be in the hands of public school teachers before the year ends. We have thus added something to the effectiveness of the solar plexus blow Dr. Cutten struck John Barleycorn in this powerful message. We appreciate the many letters we have received from persons to whom we sent this address, commending it and thanking us for sending it.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

We extend to our Christian Statesman readers and all friends of The National Reform Association, our Christmas and New Year's Greetings and add as an expression of our confidence in the triumph of the Christian cause in these dark days the cablegram sent by General MacArthur from Australia to Howard Chandler Christy of the Laymen's National Committee of New York City:

"Two thousand years ago a man dared stand for truth, for freedom of the human spirit, was crucified and died. Yet this death was not the end but only the beginning, to be followed by the resurrection and the life. For 20 centuries the story of this Man of Galilee has served for all Christians as lesson and as symbol. So that today, when we stress the spiritual significance of our united efforts to re-establish the supremacy of our Christian principles we can humbly and without presumption, declare our faith and confidence, with God's help, in our own final victory."

—*MacArthur.*

NEW YEARS - - - A DAY OF PRAYER

A year ago President Roosevelt called on the American people to observe New Year's Day as a day of prayer on account of our nation's entry into the war. And now again he has called for the observance of New Year's Day, 1943, as a day of public and private prayer. It is our prayer and expectation that the American people will respond whole-heartedly to this cause. America never faced as great tasks and as perplexing problems as she is facing today. We are engaged in the greatest war of all history which is taxing our maximum strength. While our cause is righteous, we are by no means what we should be. We need repentance, forgiveness, wisdom, strength, guidance — Divine help in manifold ways to win the war and also to win the peace. Prayer is a means to all these ends. Brethren, let us pray.

WORSHIP AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, an event occurred at the White House, unprecedented in American history, which we are sure not only has met with the approval of the American people but for which a vast majority of them are profoundly grateful. It was a Thanksgiving service of worship. To this service President and Mrs. Roosevelt had invited to attend in person the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, Members of Congress, Generals and Admirals of our armed forces, and Foreign Ambassadors to the number of about two hundred. They also invited the nation to be their radio guests.

It was a simple, solemn, distinctively Christian, and appropriate service throughout. The President opened the service by reading his Thanksgiving Proclamation including the Twenty-third Psalm.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, Washington, where the President worships. The Scriptures read were the 103rd Psalm in which all present joined, parts of the Eighth Chapter of Deuteromony and the Sixth Chapter of Matthew. Interspersed with the Scripture readings was the singing of appropriate hymns including "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Faith of Our Fathers," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in which those present joined. The prayers were offered by the Rector in charge, Dr. Howard S. Wilkinson.

The writer was one of the radio audience who heard the service from bgeinning to end with deep emotion and profound gratitude. This was distinctively a national service of worship and thanksgiving held at the nation's capital, in the White House, and participated in directly by the official leaders o fthe nation and in which many of the nation's citizens participated.

To the President and First Lady we wish publicly to express our gratitude and thanks. We hope that a similar service will be held on next Thanksgiving Day and that this may become a precedent that will be followed through all the years to come.

LET WASHINGTON FACE THE LIQUOR ISSUE

In the face of overwhelming evidence that intoxicating liquors are seriously interfering with America's all-out effort, the attitude of Washington toward the traffic is characterized by what we cannot but call inexcusable stupidity or moral cowardice, or both. The evidences of liquor interference with the war effort pours in in increasing volume from month to month. The bottleneck in supplying our armed forces with tanks, guns and munitions is lack of shipping space, but word comes over the radio from Australia that space has been reserved on a boat from United States to Australia for 40,000 cases of beer, although there is plenty of Australian beer for American soldiers there who want it, of the same brand as that going from the United States—this on insistence of American brewers. This the Australian broadcaster characterized as "plain, unadulterated stupidity." Large quantities of Scotch whiskey are being shipped from Britain to the United States to quench the thirst of American drinkers who prefer Scotch whiskey to American brands. The Boston fire horror—resulting in the loss of 499 lives, some fifty of these soldiers and sailors, what caused it? The first link in the chain of events that resulted in this second worst fire in our history was, according to the wet press report, a "drunk" who wanted less light in the barroom (as a secretary of the Bartenders' Union testified, "So they could mug their girls better") and unscrewed the electric light bulb. This entire paper could be filled with instances of like character showing how liquor is sabotaging our own efforts.

Now comes Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada with a ban on all liquor advertising for the duration, reducing the alcoholic content on the higher powered liquors and the quantities of all intoxicating liquors that may be sold, declaring this "program was justified in the interest of increasing production, morale and fighting power in the armed forces."

But why continue this? The American people know and Washington knows that liquor is interfering with our war efforts. But what is Washington doing to meet the situation? Nothing to speak of. The only thing they can point to is stopping distillers from the manufacture of distilled spirits, and requiring them to use their plants in the manufacture of alcohol for war purposes. But there is enough distilled liquors piled up in government warehouses to last for several years. We have not heard of any restriction in the quantity of beer that may be manufactured. So there is no restriction on the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquors.

On the insistence of millions of American citizens, the Sheppard Bill was brought out of the Senate Committee and was before the Senate to be voted on. Majority Senate leader,

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AMERICA'S RESPONSIBILITY IN RELATION TO THE NEW WORLD ORDER

In dealing with the New World Order to be set up when the Axis Powers have been defeated, the United States will soon be faced with one of the most fateful decisions in her history. In the words of another:

"Imperialists wanting to organize the world with ourselves on top, isolationists wanting to wash their hands of the world's affairs, and federalists wanting a cooperative world order will be on the scene. Especially the conflict between irresponsible isolationism and full cooperation with other nations in attempting a better world order is almost certain to be one of the most bitterly contested in our annals. The chances are that the United States will emerge from the war at least as well off as any other nation, and probably better off than most. The temptation selfishly to take advantage of this fact and attempt retreat from international responsibility into self-sufficiency will be strong."

Since Pearl Harbor the American people are united in their determination to win the war. But they are not united in a determination to win the peace. Sorry to say, isolationism is not dead in America. Some isolationists have been converted. Others have gone into hiding. There is evidence already that they are coming out of their cave and the more evident it becomes that we are winning the war the more active they will become. We will have Quizlings and Lavals to deal with in America when it comes to setting up the peace.

America's Christian Responsibility

We do not believe the peace can be won without America's aid. It is our conviction that America should take the lead and throw the full weight of her strength and influence unto the scales in setting up a New World Order that will bring peace. Therefore, we believe it to be our imperative duty to build up a strong public sentiment for her doing so. This isolation sentiment should be strongly opposed. In this interrelated, interdependent world, it is impossible for any nation, especially the United States to live as if she were not a part of the world.

This isolation, neutrality policy is not only impossible, but unchristian. The same moral laws of God that are binding upon individuals in their relation to each other are binding upon nations in their relations with each other. No man can live until himself and be a Christian. No nation can live to itself and be Christian. We call ours "a Christian nation." To live up to this name will require us to accept responsibility in helping to set up an international order on a just and righteous basis.

There are two basic laws of Christianity, both enunciated by Christ, which are as applicable in national as in individual relationships. The first is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" and according to Christ's interpretation a neighbor nation is one in need. The other law is, "To whomsoever much is given of him much shall be required." Apply these two laws to our nation in relation to the present world situation and no nation has as great an obligation as ours to the other nations of the world with their millions of downtrodden, suffering humanity. But America is far today from having risen to this Christian level in meeting her obligations to the rest of the world. It is our duty as Christians and especially the duty of Christian leaders to help lift America to this Christian level.

America's Unparalleled Opportunity

But let us think of America's duty to the world as affording her an unparalleled opportunity rather than as a responsibility. Never in human history did any nation have an opportunity of rendering a service to humanity comparable with that which lies before America today. In Wendell Willkie's report to the America people of his trip around the world he spoke of "that reservoir of good will" which America has from so many nations and peoples throughout the world. This is a tremendous asset. We should capitalize on it. We have this reservoir of good will because of what Christianity has done for our nation, because of our liberty and freedom which is a Christian product and because of the extent to which our nation is now acting in a Christian way to these other nations. As Mr. Willkie said, "There are leaks in the reservoir, many of them." It is for us to stop these leaks and to add to this reservoir of good will by becoming more Christian in our relation to the rest of the world. We can do this by relieving the world's hunger now and more so when the war ends, and by throwing the full weight of our great nation for the setting up of a New World Order on a Christian foundation that will give equal rights and opportunities to all nations, great and small, and make it possible for other nations to enjoy the librety and blessings with which our nation has been crowned.

Let America fill this roll and she will rise to the place of preeminence among all the nations through her unselfish service to humanity. Let it be our task to lift America sentiment to the level where she will make the most of this opportunity.

For Federation of World

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submitted to each nation for its ratification."

Incorporated in this resolution is a Declaration of the Federation of the World which sets forth the necessity for this Federation. The preamble to this declaration reads as follows:

"Whereas, it is necessary at the present juncture of human affairs, to enlarge the bases of organized society by establishing a government for the community of nations, in order to preserve civilization and enable mankind to live in peace and be free the following principles and objectives are hereby enunciated."

From the Declaration we quote as follows:

"The ceaseless changes wrought in human society by science, industry and economics, as well as by the spiritual, social and intellectual forces which impregnate all cultures, make political and geographical isolation of nations hereafter impossible. The organic life of the human race is at last indissolubly unified and can never be severed, but it must be politically ordained and made subject to law. Only a government capable of discharging all the functions of sovereignity in the executive, legislative and judical spheres can accomplish such a task. Civilization now requires laws, in the place of treaties, as instruments to regulate commerce between peoples. The intricate conditions of modern life have rendered treaties ineffectual and obsolete, and made laws essential and inevitable. The age of treaties is dead; the age of laws is here."

The Legislature of New Jersey has taken similar action. We are informed that this same resolution will be introduced in the Legislature of Pennsylvania when it convenes in January.

In about one-fourth of the legislative districts of Massachusetts, the following question of public policy concerning world federation was placed on the ballot in the November Election of this year:

"Shall the Representatives in the General Court from the.....District be instructed to vote to request the President and Congress to call at the earliest possible moment a convention of representatives of all free peoples, to frame a federal constitution under which they can unite in a democratic World Government?"

The Yes vote on this issue as compared with the No vote was about three to one.

Dr. Fleming's Book, "God in Our Public Schools" Receives Favorable Reception

As the publication and advertising of Dr. Fleming's book on "God in Our Public Schools" is one of the major undertakings of The National Reform Association for 1942, we wish to report to the readers of The Christian Stateman on the progress made to date in publicizing the book.

In addition to its advertising in the columns of this paper, about 400 letters have gone out from the office, and the President of the Association has made two trips, one to Michigan, another to Washington, Philadelphia and New York in the interest of the book. for 1943.

The book has already created a very wide interest. Requests have been received for review copies from more than fifty editors of religious and educational papers throughout the country. The sales of the book to date are a further indication of the interest it has awakened and of the way with which it is being received. We are receiving orders for the book from school officials, general libraries, theological seminaries, Bible schools, colleges, universities, pastors, religious educational leaders, Woman's Christian Temperance Union officials, and leaders of other groups. A number of outstanding business men have ordered copies—one, ten copies, another twenty. The Ford Motor Company, 17 copies. In all about one-third of the copies of the first edition have been disposed of.

Reviews of the book that have come to our desk are almost without exception favorable, a good number of them commending the book in highest terms. Our space permits insertion of extracts from only a few of these.

Appraisals of Dr. Fleming's Book

From the review of 1,250 words in the Watchman Examiner, a widely read publication of the Northern Baptist Church, we quote the following:

"A masterful presentation . . . This powerful book may prove itself an epoch-making book. It should be read by all who are interested in changing our education for godlessness to education for Christianity."

From The Presbyterian:

"Dr. Fleming's book is written with the passion of a crusader, but with the accuracy and balanced judgment of a mature scholar who has devoted years of specialized study to the problem he unfolds so comprehensively.

From The Christian Advocate, organ of the Methodist Church:

"This careful and factual study of the question of religion and the public schools deserves a close reading by every religious educator, whether he be in the secular or the ecclesiastical field. The author, with many long years of work in the field, has well earned the right to speak.

L. D. Dickinson, Ex-Governor of Michigan:

"I can't think of a more far-reaching influence for safety and good citizenship than to have this book received and studied as a textbook in the Parent-Teachers Association of the state."

Thomas C. Pollock, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, writes as follows:

"I have read 'God in Our Public Schools' with great interest. It is, the clearest and strongest book on the subject of the lack of religion in our public schools of which I know."

Your Cooperation Requested

We appreciate the cooperation of the readers of The Christian Statesman in our efforts to secure the distribution and reading of this book, a good number of whom have already secured copies. We request your continued cooperation for the coming year, in ways suggested below.

Secure copy of the book and familiarize yourself with its content. Some of our friends are securing extra copies and placing them in general, city, town, and school libraries; others with their pastor; pastors have secured copies and placed them in the hands of school teachers who are members of their congregations and with superintendents of schools; others with officers of Parent-Teachers Associations.

As stated above, Christian businessmen have ordered the book in quantities and are distributing it where they think it will do the most good. A number of pastors have reviewed the book before their local ministerial association thus bringing the book to the attention of the pastors of the community resulting in their securing copies of the book. The same could be done to advantage in reviewing the book before Woman's Christian Temperance Unions, home missionary groups, Parent-Teachers Associations, Federation of Women's Clubs, and local, county and state meetings of public school teachers.

This book of 246 pages, cloth bound, an attractive volume in every way sells at the low rate of $1.50 per copy, postpaid. For your convenience use the following order blank:

To The National Reform Association:

I am interested in your work to restore the Bible and religion to our public schools and especially in the book you have published, "God in Our Public Schools," which sells at $1.50 postpaid. Please send me.....copy, or..... copies. Enclosed you will find remittance.

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Senator Barkley, said if it was voted on and the vote recorded, it would pass. Instead of facing the issue like men, the Senate voted to send it back to Committee where it had reposed for more than a year for "further study." This was an act of moral cowardice. What the Senators needed to act on this bill was not more information, but GUTS.

If the physical courage of our boys in uniform fighting the Japs and Germans was at the low ebb of the moral courage of the Senators voting to send this bill back to Committee, we would have lost the war before this.

And what shall we say of the President, the Commander-in-Chief of our Army and Navy. What has he done? So far as we know, nothing. Notwithstanding what he said at the inauguration of the "Repeal" he favored, that the saloon must never return, his appeal to the American people for temperance and all that, notwithstanding the appeals that have gone to him from millions of American fathers and mothers for the protection of their sons in the service of the country against the allurements of drinks, not one word has come from the White House. The silence of the President on this liquor situation in the face of all this sounds in the ears of millions of American citizens like the roar of Niagara.

Again we say, what Washington needs is not information. It needs—the moral courage to act on the information already at hand. We are persuaded that nothing will supply this need short of an outpouring of moral indignation on the part of the American people for this failure to act.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

The 79th Annual Business Meeting and Conference of The National Reform Association was held in the East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh on the afternoon and evening of December 1, 1942.

Although the weather was unfavorable and December first was the first day in which the Pittsburgh district was under gas rationing, the attendance, though not large, surpassed expectation. The meeting was pronounced by those in attendance as in every way successful.

Following the devotional exercises opening the session, lead by Dr. W. W. McKinney, Ph.D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pa., the annual business session was held. At this session reports were given by the Board of Directors and its various committees, by the treasurer, and by the President of the Association, covering the activities of the past year.

The Publication Committee report showed that literature totaling 864,000 pages have been published during the year at a cost of over $2,000.00. The largest item in the above was the pub lication of 2,000 copies of Dr. Fleming's book, "God in Our Public Schools."

The Field Department reported holding the annual summer conference at Winona Lake, Indiana and that many messages had been given by the President of the Association and others representing the Association in various parts of the country on every phase of National Reform work.

The Department of Finance reported that contributions for the year amounted to about $1,000 more than the preceding year and that all current bills had been paid with a slight balance in the treasury.

The President's report summarized the activities of the year and outlined the program for the coming year stating that special efforts would be made to secure a wide distribution and reading of Dr. Fleming's book as the best contribution the Association can make to the cause of Christian Public Education, and also that emphasis would be placed on the building of a public sentiment for a Christian world order.

A number of those present expressed wonder at the amount of work that had been accomplished on the limited means at the disposal of the Association and paid high tribute to the volumn and scope of the Association's activities.

The following members of the Board of Directors were re-elected for a term of three years: Bishop J. C. Broomfield, Rev. W. W. McKinney, Ph.D., D.D., Attorney R. J. Dodds, Rev. W. F. Harkey, D.D., Mr. J. Audley Boak, Rev. J. G. McElhinney, D.D., Attorney W. J. Aiken and Rev. C. T. Carson.

A series of resolutions submitted by a committee consisting of Rev. D. H. Elliott, D.D. and Rev. E. Joe Vandervort were adopted. The resolutions after stating that the Association's work is based on the all inclusive principle that God is soverign over the affairs of men and nations and that Jesus Christ is the Savior and King of nations set forth the attitude of the Association toward the liquor traffic, the Christian Sabbath, the Bible in the Schools, the New World Order to be established at the close of the world, and concluded with a resolution calling upon our nation to repent of its sins and walk in the paths of obedience to God.

The resolution on the liquor traffic after declaring beverage alcohol to be a greater menace to the nation in time of war than of peace and that it is seriously hindering our war program declared that the only stand Christian men and women can take is for its abolition.

The resolution regarding the Sabbath expressed deep concern that the day is more and more being usurped for recreation and secular gain and expressed disapproval of the action of our governing officials in ordering seven-day labor week in its defense industries and reminded our public officials, that no nation can add to its efficiency and its security by disregarding the moral laws of God.

The resolution regarding the Bible in the schools declared that the only way to reach the vast army of American unchurched youth is in the public schools and that it is imperative to return the Bible to our public schools, that such is not contrary to the freedom of the school system and is the only way to insure morality and righteousness within our nation.

The resolution regarding international relationships expressed the conviction that to win the peace the New World Order must be based upon the moral laws of God and that it is our duty as Christian citizens to build a public sentiment for a world order based upon Christian justice and brotherhood, and for an international government to supplant the present international anarchy, and for America's leadership in setting up this new order and for American membership in it.

Following the business session two addresses were given at the afternoon session, the first by Rev. W. J. Coleman, D.D., Professor in the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, on the subject, "National Repentance as a Factor in Winning the War." Dr. Coleman gave a brief story of the nation of Israel under the rule of the Judges and showed how this nation was repeatedly delivered from bondage by repenting of its sins and returning to God. On this basis he called upon our nation to repent of its sins in order that it might have the blessing and protection of God in doing its part in winning the war.

The second address was by Mrs. A. F. Leonhard, a prominent W.C.T.U. leader on "Suppression of the Liquor Traffic as a Factor in Winning the War." The array of facts she presented showing the many ways in which the liquor traffic was hindering America's contribution to winning the war was most impressive. These messages were received with approval and applause.

At the evening dinner and session Dr. M. M. Pearce, President of Geneva College was toastmaster. Special recognition was given to Dr. J. S. Martin, a former superintendent of the Association, for his long years of service in this capacity and especially for his recent contribution of $1,000.00 for the publication of the book, "God in Our Public Schools."

The main speaker of the evening was Robert F. Galbreath, D.D., LL.D., President of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. His subject was "The Place of Christian Education in Our American Democracy." He spoke of the privileges and blessings which we enjoy in our democracy—our liberties and our freedom purchased at a great cost—which we take for granted and fail to appreciate. These blessings handed down by our forefathers, are the product of Christianity. To maintain them and pass them on to the succeeding generations, American youth must be given a Christian education. To accomplish this it is essential that the three great institutions of human society—the family, the church and the state, cooperate to this end. The Christian college has a special responsibility for the Christian training of our leaders in the days to come.

His masterly presentation of this subject was received with genuine approval and hearty satisfaction by the entire audience.

A CHRISTIAN CHARTER FOR THE NEW WORLD ORDER

To the Senate of the United States:

The undersigned, citizens of the United States, deeply concerned that we shall not only win the war but also the peace, present for your consideration the following, as essential to a just and durable peace.

1. The establishment of an international or world government to supplant the present international anarchy.

We now have in the world, government and law for the peaceable settlement of conflicts between individuals and groups within national boundaries. Outside national boundaries, in the international realm, we are as yet without government and law for the settlement of conflicts between nations. Hence the frequent resort to war.

In this situation, and in view of the fact that science has reduced the once big world to a neighborhood and brought nations into ever increasing and closer contacts, we have had, in this generation, the two most destructive wars of history. So long as this international anarchy continues we can look forward to even more destructive global wars.

To save civilization we must provide for the peaceable settlement of international difficulties by the establishment of an international or world government, a government with authority to enact laws that have to do with the common interests of all nations, with courts to interpret these laws, and with an executive department and an international police force of sufficient strength to insure their enforcement. Our founding fathers in 1787 adopted this principle of a federal government. Its success on a continental scale warrants the conviction that it is valid for the world.

2. To bring peace, this international or world government must be established upon the basis of Christian justice and brotherhood.

Nations are subjects of the moral government of God. His laws for their government are found in the Bible and have their highest expression in the teachings of Christ, of whom the prophet Isaiah said:

> **"Unto us a child is born . . . and the government shall be upon his shoulders and his name shall be called . . . the Prince of Peace . . . of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."**

His basic laws for the government of nations are:

a. The law of righteousness.

b. The law of brotherhood.

There is no way to peace and prosperity for nations except in obedience to these laws, for they are not arbitrary enactments but were written by the Creator into the constitution of the moral universe. When nations violate them they violate the laws of their being and inevitably bring upon themselves disaster, as the present world catastrophe proves. We, therefore, petition for

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This charter should recognize the ultimate source of all rightful authority in government as set forth above. It should also contain a declaration of principles and rights implementing these two basic laws. We name but four of many that should be included:

a. Freedom of worship, of speech, of the press, and of assembly for all peoples.

b. Equal rights for all peoples and nations without regard to race, color, or creed.

c. Equality of economic opportunity for the people of all nations, including access to raw materials and open markets.

d. Colonial governments shall be administered in the interests of the people of the colonies and to prepare them for self-government.

3. A grave responsibility rests upon our own nation to take a leading part in establishing a New World Order as set forth above.

a. No such world order can succeed without our help in setting it up and our membership in it.

b. Our former policy of national isolation contributed to the present intolerable world situation. A return to isolation is unthinkable.

c. Our national security calls for our participation. The alternative is the maintenance of a huge military establishment, and the danger of attack by combinations of aggressor nations, jealous of our wealth, such as thrust us into this second World War.

d. As a Christian people we have an obligation to humanity which requires our participation. The millions of oppressed peoples throughout the earth are looking to America as their one hope for the future. Measured by the Christian law of life, "To whomsoever much is given of him much shall be required," no nation has as great an obligation as ours to minister to humanity in its desperate need, and to lead the way to a better world of freedom and of peace.

In this appeal for a Christian World Order your petitioners are not idealists, but realists. The Christian way of life for nations is the only way that works. We, therefore, call upon your Honorable Body, as we call upon all others who will represent us in making the peace, to set it to work in the New World Order.

The above petition addressed to the Senate of the United States is self-explanatory. We ask the readers of The Christian Statesman first of all to study it. We trust they will approve it in which case we request they will have it reproduced in proper form for use. Then, that they circulate it as widely as possible either to secure the signatures of individuals or to have it adopted by religious, civic and other types of organizations. When adopted by organizations the officers of the organization should certify its adoption and give the approximate number of persons represented. In all cases the state and post office address should be given. Have the petitions signed or adopted, sent to The National Reform Association, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa. At the opportune time the officers of this Association will send these petitions to Washington, D. C. in care of one of the Senators from the state from which the petition comes, for presentation to the Senate. A record of their presentation and the number they represent will be made and will appear in the Congressional Record. We have been advised by Washington authorities that this will be the best method of procedure in presenting these petitions.

The importance of this work is set forth in the article on the first page of this issue of The Christian Statesman. We suggest as the best plan to get action on the petition, that a message on this subject be given before a congregation, or other assemblage of people, after which the petition is presented for signatures or for adoption. Ample material for preparing the message will be found in this issue.

This public sentiment must be brought to bear upon our public officials in Washington, especially the United States Senate, one-third of whose members can prevent our membership in the New World Order. For this reason this petition is addressed to the Senate. As the President has authorized the Department of State to study and draft peace plans, we suggest that authorization be given for sending the same petition to Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. We ask the hearty cooperation of the readers of The Christian Statesman in carrying forward this work.